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August 4, 1905 1606

Malarial fevers have been very prevalent, and every section of the town, in fact every house, swarms with *Anopheles*. The hospital records show an increase from 33 per cent of all admissions in May to 50 per cent in June. This does not include the out-patient department. It often occurs that patients after an attack of yellow fever return to the hospital with a severe malarial infection.

During the week 1 new case of yellow fever was reported in Colon.

In Panama 9 new cases and 3 deaths have been reported.

Yellow fever on steamship Seguranca.

July 22, 1905.

On July 20 my attention was called to a case of fever among the crew of the American steamship Seguranca lying at the dock in this port. On removal to the Colon Hospital the case was found to be one of typical yellow fever. As the holds of this vessel were being fumigated at the time for the purpose of killing rats, the forecastle and the compartments of the forward part of the ship were also subjected to a thorough fumigation. Two other cases among the petty officers were removed from the vessel on July 22, the day of sailing, and both pronounced to be mild cases of yellow fever by the board of diagnosis. Prior to sailing the saloon and officers' quarters were fumigated with sulphur dioxide for the purpose of killing mosquitoes. The work of fumigation was done by the Isthmian Quarantine Service, under the supervision of the quarantine officer and myself.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Smallpox and leprosy; imported.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended July 15, 1905: Present officially estimated population not obtainable; 2 deaths; prevailing disease, malarial fever; 1 case of smallpox and 1 of leprosy; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. The source of infection of the smallpox case has not been definitely traced; patient is isolated. One case of leprosy is reported. Both of these cases came from the river Changuinola, tributary to this port.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.			Pieces of baggage disin- fected.	_
July 9 12 12 13 14	Ellis Washington Belvernon Fort Gaines John Wilson	Colon Mobiledo	$\frac{22}{22}$	0 1 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	(a) 0 0 0 0	0

a Not inspected.